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OF THE

Selectmen and other Town Officers

OF

CORNISH, N. H.,

INCLUDING THE REPORT OF THE

Superintending School Committee,

FOR THE

Year ending March 1, 1876.

CLAREMONT, N. H.

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L. S. To the inhabitants of the town of Cornish, in the County of Sullivan, in said State, qualified to vote in town affairs.

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town House in said town, on the second Tuesday of March next at nine of the clock in the forenoon to act upon the following subjects.

1. To choose a Moderator to preside in said meeting.
2. To choose a Town Clerk.
3. To choose a Representative to represent this town in the General Court of this State.
4. To bring in your votes for Governor, Councilor, Senator, Railroad Commissioner, County Treasurer, Register of Deeds, and one County Commissioner.
5. To Choose Selectmen and all other necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year.
6. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray Town Charges the ensuing year.
7. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to make and repair highways and bridges the ensuing year.
8. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise to pay existing Claims against the Town.
9. To see if the town will vote to build two receiving Tombs for the use of the town, locate the same, and raise money therefor.
10. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise to widen and repair the road leading from the road by W. I. Leslie's to Daniel Whitmore's, to the house of Dennis Howard, (the Stark road so called).
11. To see if the town will vote that a discount be made to those persons who shall pay their taxes within such periods as the town may limit, and fix the amount of discount on the same.
12. Is it expedient that a Convention be called to revise the Constitution?
13. To hear the reports of Agents, Auditors, Committees, or Officers heretofore chosen, and pass any vote relating thereto.
14. To see if the town will vote to divide the school money any other way than the Law provides.

Given under our hands and seals, this twenty-sixth day of February, A. D. 1876.

JAMES M. DAVIDSON,	} <i>Selectmen</i>	
WM. C. HART,		} <i>of</i>
N. A. DEMING,		} <i>Cornish.</i>

FINANCIAL REPORT

OF THE

SELECTMEN

OF THE

TOWN OF CORNISH,

For the year ending March 1, 1876.

The amount of tax required to be assessed by law, and
by vote of the town, is as follows :

For state tax.....	\$ 1,664 00	
For County tax.....	1,782 04	
For School tax.....	1,456 00	
To defray town charges.....	1,800 00	
To pay existing claims against the town.....	2,000 00	
Coburn suit.....	500 00	
School house tax District No. 16...	25 00	
Dog tax.....	96 00	
Non-resident highway tax.....	78 93	
Percentage, 2½ per cent.....	280 79	
	<hr style="width: 100%; border: 0.5px solid black;"/>	\$9,682 76

The Selectmen have received and paid into the Treasury the following additional sums.

Cash received of the town of Claremont for aid furnished Albert

O. Davis' wife.....\$ 6 00

Received of E. L. Cushing, taxable cost, in Sargent suit..... 19 00

For support of County paupers.... 177 44

Trustee of Foss Fund for support of poor..... 112 80

Savings Bank tax..... 407 27

Literary Fund..... 142 76

Rail Road tax..... 91 96

Cash refunded by Lester Boyd and sons, for support of Mrs. Huldah Boyd at the Insane Hospital... 123 00

Cash V. B. Bachelor, Agent, profits on Liquor sold..... 59 76

For old orders taken up for which new orders were drawn, viz. Sarah W. Westgate No. 66, Sept. 3d, 1864, balance due..... 200 00

Daniel G. Deming No. 44, Aug. 25th, 1864..... 300 00

Michael Mc Carty No. 33, Aug. 15th, 1864..... 100 00

Levi C. Fay, No. 72, January 1st, 1868..... 1,000 00

Michael Mc Carty No. 171, Feb. 24th, 1872..... 100 00

Michael Mc Carty No. 1, March 1, 1872..... 100 00

Peter Hook No. 77, Dec. 19, 1863, 290 00

Peter Hook No. 64, Oct. 31, 1861, 100 00

Total amount of receipts —————\$13,012 75

We have drawn Orders on the Treasurer as follows :

FOR SUPPORT OF SCHOOLS.

District No 1, Samuel Putnam...\$ 166 16

" 2, Wm. E. Westgate. 136 98

District No. 3, W. P. Thrasher...	71	12
" 4, C. B. Fitch.....	65	99
" 5, C. F. Huggins....	83	94
" 6, Henry E. Rich....	239	05
" 7, Edwin H. Smith...	131	78
" 8, Seth R. Cole.....	148	83
" 9, James A. Kendrick.	79	67
" 10, Charles E. Jackson	105	03
" 11, Benjamin S. Lewis.	115	10
" 12, Jedediah Huntington	25	43
" 13, Lyman Fitch.....	79	35
" 15, John Conlin.....	18	03
" 16, Thomas A. Allen..	70	13
" 1, Plainfield, John Peterson.....	4	55
" 14, Claremont, Samuel H. Andrews...	8	87
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		\$ 1,550,01

PAID FOR SUPPORT OF COUNTY PAUPERS.

Lydia Allen.....	\$ 11	87
Sabra Stearns	15	67
Joab Sturtevant.....	10	50
Bailey S. Davis and family.....	65	50
Silas Read.....	3	00
Catherine Chase.....	70	80
Alexander Weldon.....	22	32
Sarah Weldon.....	5	50
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		\$205 16

FOR SUPPORT OF TOWN PAUPERS.

Mrs. Henry Sanderson.....	\$ 6	78
Catherine Chase.....	27	14
Theodore Chase.....	156	43
Emma S. Bailey.....	40	00
Huldah Boyd.....	162	13
Stephen L. Stearns' wife.....	18	85
Francis Goward.....	46	12
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		\$ 457 45

FOR PLANK AND TIMBER.

Allen P. Messer.....	\$ 1 25
Patrick Raynolds.....	1 68
John H. Mercer.....	4 00
Daniel Whitmore.....	10 00
William E. Deming.....	2 48
Benj. F. Bugbee.....	10 78
William W. Pole.....	12 00
Abel W. Fairbanks.....	5 00
Alfred E. Chadborn.....	3 60
Benjamin K. Chase.....	15 50
Beatson & Messer.....	13 74
Hiram D. Bartlett.....	2 00
Ellen L. Jackson.....	4 87
E. D. Austin.....	14 12
Edward Bryant.....	4 65
Charles Williams.....	3 10
Chester Pike.....	140 92
E. O. & H. M. Day.....	13 03
S. H. Swain.....	7 38
Arthur P. Thrasher.....	3 11
John Conlin.....	1 82
William H. Harlow.....	1 70
Dana N. Morgan.....	26 85
Benjamin K. Chase.....	12 28
Sylvester M. Bugbee.....	10 30
C. F. Huggins.....	4 20
J. W. Whitaker.....	15 13
Moses Walker.....	4 80
Albert A. Weld.....	2 50
Orra A. Kelley.....	3 25
Edward Bryant.....	1 05
John Freeman & Co.....	22 90
Norman A. Deming.....	4 03
Hilliard Buckman.....	1 76
George H. Ayers.....	50
George D. Kenyon.....	1 56
Edwin T. Ayers.....	4 50

 \$ 392 34

FOR LABOR ON HIGHWAY AND BRIDGES

William W. Poole.....	12 47
Alfred C. Chadborn.....	7 00
Patrick Raynolds.....	5 00
John H. Mercer.....	2 50
Straton Spaulding.....	5 00
Daniel Whitmore.....	3 25
Dennis Howard.....	4 00
Charles D. Nevins.....	8 33
George W. Huggins.....	8 00
Benjamin F. Bugbee.....	8 21
C. P. Jenney.....	8 75
Alfred S. Sisson.....	6 37
Moses Walker.....	5 25
William H. Whitmore.....	6 75
William W. Poole.....	18 00
Abel W. Fairbanks.....	2 50
James F. Tasker building Culvert near E. D. Austins.....	270 00
Sylvanus Wilder.....	12 00
William C. Hart.....	30 50
H. P. Raymond.....	3 00
Harrison Leslie, building abutment to bridge.....	25 00
Dennis Howard.....	4 74
Harrison Leslie.....	10 00
William H. Whitmore.....	2 50
James F. Tasker, building bridge near George Jackson.....	150 00
Ellen L. Jackson.....	2 00
E. D. Austin.....	40 50
Edward Bryant.....	43 28
Louis T. Chase.....	8 99
William E. Westgate.....	6 01
James F. Tasker building bridge at the Flat.....	100 00
Chester Pike.....	154 24
Benj. F. Bugbee.....	28 50
George Walker.....	8 00
Dana N. Morgan.....	3 75
S. M. Bugbee.....	13 45

C. F. Huggins.....	18 55
William D. Lear.....	2 50
Orra A. Kelley.....	3 00
W. I. Leslie.....	1 25
George Jackson.....	5 00
Edward Bryant.....	2 00
John H. Mercer.....	14 78
Edward N. Wyman.....	2 98
William W. Poole.....	10 00
Forest Freeman.....	7 15
Edwin T. Ayers.....	3 25

Total of labor on highways and bridges \$ 1103 30

FOR CEMETERY FENCE AT "CENTRE."

John Newton, stone post.....	23 00
John R. Sargent, build- ing fence at Center Cemetery....	24 75
Samuel M. Sherburn, Hinges Ceme- tery Gates.....	4 35
J. M. Davidson, labor and materials for Cemetery at Center.....	15 64
Dana N. Morgan, lumber for Ceme- tery fence at Center.....	9 21

\$ 76 95

INCIDENTAL EXPENSES.

Claremont Manuf'g Co., printing reports, 1874,	\$ 33 00
D. L. Guernsey, blank and invoice books,	7 20
Allen P. Messer, watering trough,	2 00
Sarah M. Westgate, new order for old orders,	200 00
Sylvester M. Bugbee, cutting ice,	19 50
Henry M. Deming over tax, 1874,	1 70
Henry L. Carroll, over tax 1874,	1 70
Henry M. Day, auditor's services,	3 00
Edward O. Day, wood for town house,	7 00
Edward O. Day, Selectman services, 1875,	14 50
George W. Hunt, recording births and deaths,	6 50
Charles D. Nevins, over tax on Baptist fund,	6 20
Eliza Morrison, over tax,	1 55

J. M. Davidson, tax and town meeting notices,	3 00
Daniel G. Deming, new order for old orders,	300 00
D. P. Deming, over tax,	1 55
Moses Walker, over tax on Peter Walker place,	75
Jedediah Huntington, school money due District No. 12, 1874,	9 97
W. I. Leslie, pass over land,	6 00
William W. Poole, use of scraper,	1 50
Abel W. Fairbanks, watering trough,	3 00
J. M. Davidson, expenses of proving County pauper claims,	10 10
J. M. Davidson, Selectman, services, 1875,	3 00
County Treasurer, County tax,	1,782 04
E. L. Cushing, Attorney fees in Richardson suit,	26 15
J. J. Samson, guide boards,	16 00
Benj. S. Fletcher, land damage,	1 00
Thomas A. Allen, school house tax, Dist. No. 16,	25 00
Elmore Jacobs, repairing hearse harness,	2 25
W. S. Howley, drawing stone for culvert (cover- ing stone,)	13 00
William E. Westgate, damage to plow,	2 00
R. W. Cole, stone for culvert,	10 60
Chester Pike, damage to plow,	1 00
Henry M. Day, footing inventory, and making taxes,	13 00
S. A. Tracy, running line,	2 50
J. M. Davidson, trustee Foss fund (services),	6 00
George E. Truell, running line,	2 00
Edwin H. Smith, watering trough,	2 00
Charles H. Read, over tax,	2 17
Mary Hall, stone for culvert,	5 00
Frederick Dunsmore, watering trough,	3 00
Worth C. Jordon, over tax on dog,	1 00
James F. Tasker, breaking road around town house,	3 00
Charles Breck, damages on highway, to buggy and harness,	6 50
State Treasurer, State tax,	1,664 00
Peter Hook, new order for old orders,	390 00
William D. Lear, watering trough,	3 00
Orlander Powers, auditor's services,	3 00
William H. Sisson, Town Clerk services,	6 00
Lucian S. Spaulding, over tax,	3 76

Michael Mc Carty, new order for old orders,	1,300 00
Noah P. White, filling for culvert,	3 00
Robert Dannatt, watering trough,	2 00
Noah P. White, watering trough,	2 00
Edward Bryant, damage to plow,	1 00
Robert Dannatt, entertainment,	24 60
William V. Spencer, damage to horse and buggy on highway,	40 00
J. M. Davidson, time and expenses to Newport, on County pauper claims, and Spencer suit,	6 50
Chester Pike, damage to horse, on highway,	200 00
Arunah Burnap, agent insuring town house,	8 50
Elias Powers, surveying town line,	2 00
Charles Tyler, watering trough,	2 00
David H. Hilliard, watering trough,	3 00
N. A. Deming, Col. discount on taxes,	131 00
William Balloch, taking affidavit, and services in the railroad case,	5 00
Albert A. Weld, services with the hearse,	32 00
J. M. Davidson, cash paid entertainment, taking Sept. invoice,	5 40
J. M. Davidson, entertainment of Selectmen,	7 15
N. A. Deming, entertainment of Selectmen,	18 00
Wm. C. Hart, expense of rail road hearing, cash paid out, and entertainment,	5 00
Wm. C. Hart, team to Newport twice and expense, " Selectmen service, 1874, and enter- tainment of Selectmen,	5 00 6 00
J. M. Davidson, stationery, postage, blank books, express, and bank checks,	7 12
Seymore Ashley, over tax,	1 55
T. A. Gleason, notifying Jurors,	5 28
N. A. Deming, non-resident highway taxes paid in labor,	23 93
Elmore C. Barrows, entertaining tramps, " entertaining Selectmen and Auditors,	2 25 40 00
* David H. Hilliard, Guardian M. Coburn, money to defend the Welcome suit,	145 00
Total amount of incidental expenses,	<hr/> \$6,672 50

FOR SHEEP KILLED BY DOGS.

Henry A. Weld.....	\$ 5 00
Sylvanus Wilder.....	5 00
Samuel R. Chase.....	4 00
E. G. Stark.....	5 00
Edwin O. Goward.....	3 00
Freeman A. Johnson.....	5 00
Deborah Harlow.....	6 00
N. A. Deming.....	8 00
Forest Freeman.....	6 00

\$ 47 00

ABATEMENT OF TAXES ON WILLIAM E. WESTGATE, COLLECTOR'S TAX BOOK, 1874.

Estate of Stillman Coburn.....	\$ 1 61
Leonard D. Spaulding.....	12 00
John H. Mercer.....	12 00
James Tasker.....	15 30
James W. French.....	2 21
Eldad Coburn.....	4 76
Hiram M. Curtis.....	1 02
Christopher Forehand.....	2 11
Joseph L. Lamberton.....	10 47
Wentworth M. Smith.....	1 70
Fred D. Weld.....	1 70
William Wilder.....	1 70
Zebedee York.....	3 54

\$ 70 21

ABATEMENT OF TAXES ON N. A. DEMING, COLLECTOR'S TAX BOOK, 1874.

Bailey S. Davis.....	\$ 3 02
Frank P. Ellis.....	1 55
Judith Carter.....	2 39
Mary Cotton.....	2 57
Serena Huggins.....	1 95
Rhoda Spaulding.....	77
Azro Waterman.....	1 55

Henry Marsh	1 55	
Justus O. Cole.....	1 55	
Stephen Williams.....	1 55	
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		\$ 18 45

ABATEMENT OF TAXES ON GEO. W. HUNT'S, TAX BOOK, 1873.

Lester Boyd.....	8 72	
Curtis Hartley.....	3 50	
Wentworth M. Smith.....	1 77	
Interest on James F. Tasker's taxes,....	1 23	
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		\$ 15 22

FOR TOWN OFFICERS SERVICES FOR 1875.

T. A. Gleason, Town clerk.....	\$ 28 00
T. A. Gleason, Town treasurer.....	40 00
N. A. Deming, Collector.....	80 00
James T. Jackson, Superintending School Com- mittee	55 00
V. B. Bachelor, Liquor agent.....	50 00
J. M. Davidson, Selectman.....	120 00
Wm. C. Hart, "	100 00
N. A. Deming, "	90 00
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	\$ 563 00

RECAPITULATION.

Total amount received.....	\$ 13,012 75
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AMOUNT OF ORDERS DRAWN.

For support of schools,	\$ 1,550 01
" " " county paupers,	204 66
" " " town paupers,	457 45
For plank and timber,	392 34

For labor on highway and bridges,	1,103 30	
For cemeteries,	76 95	
For incidental expenses including State and County taxes, and or- ders taken up by new orders,	6,672 50	
For sheep killed by dogs,	47 00	
For abatement of taxes on William E. Westgate's tax Book 1874,	70 12	
For abatement of taxes on N. A. Deming's tax book 1875,	18 45	
For abatement of taxes on George W. Hunt's, tax book 1873	15 22	
Town Officers services,	563 00	
	<hr/> \$ 11,171 00	
Leaving balance		\$ 1841 75

ORDERS OUTSTANDING AGAINST THE TOWN.

1862, Aug. 30.	No. 52.	Harvey Knight,	\$ 100 00
1864, Jan. 2.	110.	Joseph B. Comings,	850 00
1865, Feb. 28.	195.	Dimic Baker,	1,400 00
" Mar. 2.	216.	Henry Gould,	461 67
1869, Jan. 21.	85.	William Ballock,	1,500 00
1872, Feb. 24.	233.	Eliz. D. Hall Bal. due,	486 40
" Oct. 1.	90.	Alm'a Jackson, " "	149 39
" Dec. 4.	150.	Forest Freeman,	175 00
1873, Jan. 1.	189.	First Bap. Society,	500 00
" June 28.	28.	Samuel Putnam,	240 00
" Dec. 25.	164.	G. D. Kenyon, Bal. due,	875 00
1874, Mar. 30.	16.	E. O. & H. M. Day,	70 87
1875, July 3.	41.	Daniel G Deming,	300 00
" Dec. 26.	160.	James F. Tasker,	3 00
1876, Jan. 7.	168.	Peter Hook,	390 00
1875, Apr. 13.	6.	Sarah W. Westgate,	200 00
1876, Jan. 20.	182.	Henry A. Weld,	5 00
" " "	183.	Sylvanus Wilder,	5 00
" " "	191.	S. R. Chase,	5 00
" " 1.	193.	Michael Mc Carty,	1,300 00
" Feb. 19.	210.	E. N. Wyman,	2 98
" " "	216.	E. G. Stark.	5 00

"	"	"	217.	E. O. Goward,	3 00
"	"	"	218.	F. A. Johnson,	5 00
"	"	"	219.	Deborah Harlow,	6 00
"	"	"	220.	N. A. Deming,	8 00
"	"	"	221.	Forest Freeman,	6 00
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					Total, \$ 9,051 31
Interest on outstanding orders,					\$ 249 21

**THE LIABILITIES OF THE TOWN ARE AS
FOLLOWS.**

Due on orders outstanding,	\$ 9051 31
Accrued interest on orders outstanding,	249 21
Due to School District No. 14,	262 35
" " " " 1, Plainfield, 1874,	4 23
" to W. H. H. Allen, Att's fees, say,	50 00
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Total of Liabilities against the town,	\$ 9,617 10

THE ASSETS OF THE TOWN ARE AS FOLLOWS.

Jonas Hastings's note, due March	
1, 1876,	\$ 2429 88
Freeman A. Johnson's note, due	
March 1, 1876,	1035 32
John L. Paget's note, Balance	
due,	32 27
Liquor and casks in Agt's hand,	210 00
Taxes not collected by Dr. Geo.	
W. Hunt,	12 57
Cash in hands of David H. Hil-	
liard, guardian of Merrill Coburn,	145 00
Due from the County of Sullivan,	5 50
Cash in Treasurer's hands,	243 95
Taxes not collected by N. A.	
Deming,	337 08
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	\$ 4,51 57
Amount of the debt, less the assets,	\$ 5165 08

The Selectmen respectfully recommend the town to raise for the ensuing year, in addition to the amount required by law, the following sums:

To defray town charges,	\$ 1,600 00
To pay existing claims against the town,	2,000 00
For highways and bridges,	1 800 00
To widen and repair Stark road so called,	100 00
All of which is respectfully submitted.	

JAMES M. DAVIDSON,	}	Selectmen of Cornish.
WM. C. HART,		
N. A. DEMING,		

TREASURER'S REPORT.

RECEIPTS.

Amount in Treasurer's hands March 1, 1875, as follows:		
Bal. prin, of Jonas Hasting's note, Dec. 5, 1868,	\$ 2,047 54	
“ Auren Johnson's, “ “	1,097 22	
“ John L. Paget's, “ “	29 00	
“ Geo. D. Kenyon's, “ “	47 71	
Auction bills,	23 29	
Cash,	119 65	
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		\$ 3,364 71

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May 18,	Received of Selectmen, cash refunded by town of Claremont for aid furnished pauper,	\$ 6 00
June 5,	Rec. of G. W. Hunt, for taxes, 1873,	148 33
July 27,	“ Auren Johnson, Int. on note,	42 42
Sept. 3,	“ Selectmen, Co. pauper money,	57 94
Oct. 27,	“ “ Cash refund'd by Boyd,	36 00
Nov. 24,	“ “ Int. on Foss Fund,	112 80
Dec. 4,	“ “ Cash refund'd by Boyd,	36 00
“ 6,	“ “ Rail Road Tax,	91 96
“ “	“ “ Savings Bank Tax,	407 27
“ “	“ “ Literary Fund,	142 76
“	Wm. E. Westgate, Bal. tax, 1874,	983 49

1876,	"	"	"	Int. on do.,	42 84
Jan. 24,	"	Selectmen,	Legal Fees recover-		
			ed in case of Sargent vs. Town, (Flag)	19 00	
" 29,	Rec. of	Selectmen,	Co. pauper money,	119 50	
" "	"	"	Cash refund'd by Boyd,	51 00	
" "	"	"	Int. on School Fund,	28 25	
" "	"	"	Cash from Liq. Agt.	59 76	
" "	"	"	Selectmen, old or-		
		ders paid by new,		2.190 00	
" "	Rec. of	G. W. Hunt,	taxes for '73,	16 22	
	"	Norman A. Deming,	Col. taxes,	8,797 74	
	"	"	" Int. on do.	15 00	
Total Receipts,					<u>\$ 16,768 99</u>

DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid as principal on new orders	\$8927 84
" " old orders	1702 88
" interest " "	706 60
Old orders paid by new	2190 00
	<u>\$ 13,527 32</u>
Balance in Treasurer's hands as follows:	
Bal. principal Jonas Hasting's note.....	1945 13
" " Freeman A. Johnson's note.....	1000 00
(Auren Johnson note exchanged for this, difference in amount being paid)	
Bal. principal, J. L. Paget's note.....	29 00
Auction Bills.....	23 59
Cash	243 95
	<u>\$ 3,241 67</u>
	<u>\$16,768 99</u>

DOG FUND.

Received of Norman A. Deming, Collector, taxes	
assessed on dogs.....	\$ 96 00
Orders drawn for damage done by dogs.....	47 00
Balance to be appropriated for Schools.....	49 00

SCHOOL FUND.

Amount of Funds in hands of Treasurer.....\$ 470 87

Which is respectfully submitted

T. A. GLEASON, Treasurer.

JACOB FOSS LEGACY, TRUSTEE'S REPORT.

Sept. 14, 1866, received of the executors of the will of Jacob Foss, late of Charlestown, Mass., deceased,.....	2820 00
Received interest on said legacy for the year ending Sept. 14, 1875.....	169 20
Paid the Selectmen of Cornish to be appropriated for the support of the poor of said town,...	112 80
Balance of interest not appropriated last year...	25
Cr. by old rope sold.....	1 00
Making to be appropriated for flags, for the year 1875.	

\$ 57 63

Expended as follows :

June, 1875, Paid T. A. Gleason for flag rope....	5 00
" 14, " Paid B. B. Churchill and others, for razing, repairing and putting up flag pole.....	19 75
Paid R. M. Yale for Flag.....	40 00
Expense of getting and putting up flags.....	2 00

\$ 66 75

Which is respectfully submitted

J. M. DAVIDSON, Trustee.

REPORT OF LIQUOR AGENT.

1876, March 1, liquor and casks on hand,	210 00	
1875, " 1, " " " "	187 00	
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Increase of liquor on hand		\$23 00
1876, Mar. 1, Cash received for sales of liquor		
and casks	519 36	
Cash paid for liquor and freight	434 60	
" for U. S. License,	25 00	459 60
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" to the town Treasurer	59 76	
Add increase of liquor and casks on hand	23 00	
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Profit		\$ 82 76

V. B. BACHELLOR, *Agent*.

We certify that we have examined the statements by the Selectmen, Treasurer, Trustee of Foss Fund and Liquor Agent, and we find them, in all cases, properly vouched and correctly cast, and that we believe the statement of assets and liabilities of the town is made in good faith and is essentially correct.

ORLANDO POWERS. }
 G. D. KENYON. } *Auditors.*

REPORT
OF THE
Superintending School Committee
OF
CORNISH, N. H.

Your Committee will cheerfully submit the following as his report of the condition of the Common Schools in Cornish.

There have been 30 Schools, taught in 15 districts. The number of different scholars is 286. Eighteen teachers have been employed, 16 females and 2 males. Four were beginners in the business; 14 have had more or less experience. I think our schools will compare favorably with previous year, still there is great need of improvement. The appended statistical table gives the names of the Prudential Committee and teachers, the length of the schools, the number of scholars, the amount of money received by the districts, and the wages of the teachers per month including board. Other particulars may be mentioned, as follows.

No. 1. ("BALLOCH'S") MISS ELLA E. HART, CHAS. D. NEVENS, Teachers.

Summer Term.—Miss Hart taught this school with a degree of success. She needed more *energy* to inspire in her pupils a love of study and school instruction. Writing was made a specialty. The *Little Folks* printed the alphabet in small and capital letters finely. The closing examination was satisfactory.

Winter Term.—Mr. Nevens was a teacher of some experience and good literary attainments. There was a good number of scholars. At my first visit the appearances were favorable, although you might discern, on the part of the scholars, a *want* of love for study and respect for *good order*. Did Mr. Nevens fail in discipline, so far he was responsible. In the school room, if you take care of *little wrongs*, great ones will not occur. Was there prejudice from the outset against your teacher, it proves what a trifling cause may destroy the success of a school. Near the middle of the term, when about half the scholars had been taken home, measures were taken to restore them but proved ineffectual. There were four scholars present at examination. They had made a decided improvement. I see by register there were two attending the last week.

No. 2. ("ABOVE THE BRIDGE.") MISS HATTIE J. HILDRETH, *Teacher*.

Miss Hildreth has had a long and successful experience in teaching. She has taught in this district nine terms. This is one of the best schools in town in rank. Between teacher and scholars, there was a good understanding and sympathy, which was equally praiseworthy for both. There have been three terms, of 10, 8 and 12 weeks, the past year. These rare advantages were well improved. This school, the last term, gave two exhibitions, with an admittance fee of ten cents, thereby realizing the round sum of twelve dollars. Next term the school will have the use of Webster's Unabridged Dictionary, and a large map of the United States. This is a step in the right direction.

No. 3. ("STEPHEN A. TRACY'S.") MISS LOTTIE F. TORRY, *Teacher*. There is, in this district, material for a good school. Miss Torry taught both terms. She partially failed in *thoroughness* and aptness for imparting instruction, but, considering the length of terms, she did quite well.—Some advance was made.

No. 4. ("DINGLETON.") MISS ANGIE E. WELD, Teacher, Summer and Fall. Both terms, the scholars enjoyed the instruction of Miss Weld. Her methods of conducting recitations were among the best. This school was all that could be desired. All the branches received their appropriate attention. We hope Miss Weld will teach in Cornish many terms.

No. 5. ("CAPT. SETH JOHNSON'S.") MISS NELLIE E. MORGAN, Teacher. Miss Morgan taught this school the Summer and Fall terms. She is an excellent scholar and easily imparts her knowledge to others. Visiting her school, you would be at once impressed by her *working habits*. There was a *gradual and perceptible advance* in the order and scholarship of those who were under her charge. The appearance of the school was highly commendable at both examinations.

No. 6. ("THE FLAT.") MISS MARION WESTGATE, Teacher. Miss Westgate has taught this school seven terms. Such a fact is a sufficient recommendation. With a model teacher, this is a model school. Seldom do we see teacher and scholars so vigorously engaged in school work. It does one good to visit this school. Busy as bees—happy as birds in a June morning. When the *little folks* have learned and recited their lessons, you will see them pleasantly engaged in printing or drawing. No time for idleness or play. Systematic in her methods of discipline and instruction, she is enabled to accomplish great results. I think this is one secret of her success. She devotes all her spare hours to a preparation for school duties. Miss Westgate has received the hearty co-operation of parents and scholars. At both examinations the room was finely decorated with wreaths and pictures, and filled, also, with the citizens of the district. The entire routine of examinations was a perfect success.

No. 7. ("THE CENTRE.") MISS MARTHA J. BARTLETT, and GEORGE L. DEMING, Teachers.

Summer Term.—Miss Bartlett was a quiet, unassuming teacher. At each of my visits I found her doing a good work. The improvement was commendable.

Winter Term. The school enjoyed the services of Mr. Deming. He is an excellent, clear-headed and practical teacher. Much care was manifested in drilling the classes in Algebra, Arithmetic and Grammar. The examinations were spirited. Several took part in asking the "whys and wherefores," which were satisfactorily answered.

No. 8. ("GOWARD'S.") MISS HANNAH L. DEMING, Teacher. Miss Deming is an experienced teacher. She kept a capital school. Good order, good progress and the warm affection of the pupils, were her rewards.

Fall Term, taught by the same teacher. "Take care of the minutes," was the motto. Here were excellent recitations in Mental Arithmetic and Geography. Also every characteristic of a superior school. At the close, a good number of parents were present, and the occasion was one of interest.

No. 9. ("TOWN HOUSE.") MISS MARY FAIRBANKS and MISS MARY A. BALDWIN, Teachers. Miss Fairbanks kept two weeks. Having been exposed to scarlet fever, the parents did not think it safe to send their children. The school was doing well.

Winter Term.—The Committee secured the services of Miss Mary A. Baldwin. At each visit I found the order *very good*. The large scholars felt the need of an education and readily co-operated with the teacher. Compositions were written, by all who were of sufficient age to write once in two weeks. This was made a pleasant and useful exercise.

No. 10. ("EDMINSTER.") MISS S. A. BRYANT, Teacher, Summer Term.—Miss Bryant has taught five terms, in this

district. I found these scholars studious, obedient and *wide awake*. This is one of the best schools in town in rank. At the close, the examinations convinced us that this was a working school. Here we have our *best map-drawing in town*.

Fall Term was taught by the same judicious teacher.—
Read the report of last term and *emphasize it*.

No. 11. ("CITY.") MISS MARY A. BALDWIN, Teacher.

This school consisted mostly of small scholars; they required a teacher who had patience and love for children. These qualities Miss B. possessed in a great degree. Harmony prevailed here. Order very good. We have no better classes in mental Arithmetic and Geography than in this district.

No. 12. ("Poppysquash.") MISS LIZZIE V. CLARK.—
Miss Clark taught both terms. She proved that a large number is not necessary to the highest success. Teacher, parents and children labored in harmony.

No. 13. ("NORMAN A. DEMING'S") MISS NELLIE L. JACKSON. This school is not the easiest to manage. At my first visit, I found considerable whispering among the boys; they were inclined not to obey the request, no whispering. But Miss Jackson had the pleasure of seeing a daily improvement in order and habits of study. She pursued her task with energy.

Mo. 14. ("HEMPYARD.") No school.

No. 15. ("JOHN M. ROOT'S.") MATTIE E. MITCHELL, Teacher. They are average scholars in this district. I asked them where they learned to read and spell? where they learned Arithmetic and Geography? Their answer was, At home. "Where there is a will, there is a way."

No. 16. ("TEXAS.") MISS JENNIE L. JACKSON, Teacher. Summer and Fall Terms were taught by Miss Jackson. Her best endeavors were put forth; and good order and good progress in study were her reward.

REMARKS. Our school system has power on its side. It moves steadily and strongly forward. And yet greater interest seems to be called for. Our Common Schools are the seminaries where the great majority of our children obtain their education for the pressing duties of life. Our citizens, our parents and our teachers cannot do too much for them.

Acknowledging the efficient co-operation of the Prudential Committees, the citizens, the parents, the teachers and the scholars in the different districts, I respectfully submit the views now expressed.

JAMES T. JACKSON,

Superintending School Committee.

Cornish, March 2, 1876.

ROLL OF HONOR.

The following have attended school one or more whole terms, without marks of absence or tardiness. Those having a * have been tardy but not absent. Those having a † have been absent not more than one half day.

District No. 1. Angie L. Chadborn, Gracie S. Chadborn.

District No. 2. Ida M. Williams, Nettie G. Williams, Lizzie M. Chase, Grace A. Withey, 2 terms; George D. Austin, 2 terms; Frank S. Dana, Mattie E. Westgate, † Robert A. Austin, Rosa R. Boyd, † 3 terms.

District No. 3. Lizzie S. Chadborn, Katie Read, Henry M. Mercer, Webster Thrasher, Frank B. Tracy, † Bertie A. Chadborn, Emily N. Tracy, †

District No. 4. Arthur E. Bartlett, Willis C. Fitch, Elmer C. Fitch, 2 terms.

District No. 5. Robert W. Walker, Warren Quimby, Mary A. Huggins, †.

District No. 6. Hattie M. Hall, 2 terms; Bell C. Sher-

burne,* 2 terms; Minnie M. Truell,* 2 terms; Lena R. Comings, 2 terms; Cora G. Sisson, † 2 terms; Ida M. Mitchell,* Lizzie R. Sisson, † 2 terms; Edward B. Hunt, Fred H. Rich, 2 terms; George W. Hunt, George H. Sisson, Melvin M. Smith, Wallace Bugbee, Frank W. Stone,* Eddie L. Child,* Leon M. Howard.

District No. 7. Emma C. Smith, 2 terms; David H. Lamberton, Elzi R. Westgate,* Orlie B. Badger, Martha J. Bartlett.

District No. 8. Flora C. Richardson,* 2 terms; Florence G. Lougee, 2 terms; Nellie S. Richardson,* 2 terms; Ella M. Freeman, Nora M. Mace, Charlie H. Weld, Norman C. Penniman, Arthur A. Penniman, Willie O. Goward, Freddie H. Butman.

District No. 9. Robert Tasker.†

District No. 10. Lizzie M. Jackson, 2 terms; Nellie Chase, 2 terms; Lizzie F. Weld, Alice O. Fairbanks, Hattie M. Weld, Anna B. Lear, 2 terms; Sybil G. Lear, Charlie F. Lear, Erwin Williams, 2 terms; Chester F. Fairbanks, Dan H. Weld, Fred H. Weld, John C. Lamberton.

District No. 11. Mattie A. Ellis, 2 terms; Stella M. Kenyon, Lucy L. Morgan, Emma D. Morgan, Delia L. Morgan, Carrie E. Morgan, Lettie J. Morgan, Irving Mory.

District No. 12. Flora A. Russ, 2 terms; Eva M. Kelley, 2 terms; Lilian J. Kelly, Nellie A. Huntington, 2 terms; Hattie M. Kelly.

District No. 13. Almina E. Deming,* Addie M. York, Ella E. York, Lizzie E. Stearns, 2 terms; Elmer E. York † 2 terms; Eddie H. Hilliard, † 2 terms; Victor N. Deming, † Orland P. Fitch, Arthur L. Fitch, Luman L. Hilliard, Jerome J. Hilliard.

District No. 15. Katie Conlin, Patrick Conlin, Martin Conlin, George E. Root.*

District No. 16. Hattie Titus,* Martha E. Weld,* Marion C. Leavitt, Leonard F. Leavitt.*

STATISTICAL TABLE.

No. of District.	Names of Prudential Committee.	Names of Teachers.	No. of Terms.	No. of Weeks.	No. of Scholars.	Av. Attendance.	Am. of School Money.	Wages including board per month	No. of visitors.	Visits of Super.
1	Samuel Putnam...	Miss Ella E. Hart.....	1 10	7 6			\$166	\$20.00	7 2	
		Mr. Charles D. Nevens...	2 11 $\frac{5}{8}$	14 9				35.00	6 3	
2	Wm. E. Westgate.	Miss Hattie J. Hildreth.	1 10	14 12			137	22.00	3 2	
		" " "	2 8	18				24.00	8 1	
		" " "	3 12	23 20				28.00	16 2	
3	W. P. Thrasher...	" Lottie F. Torry....	1 8	16 14				20.00	2 2	
		" " "	2 6	18 14			71	20.00	1 2	
4	C. B. Fitch.....	" Angie E. Weld....	1 10	8 7				20.00	17 2	
		" " "	2 11	10 9			66	22.00	11 1	
5	C. F. Huggins....	" Nellie E. Morgan..	1 12	12 10 $\frac{1}{3}$				20.00	8 2	
		" " "	2 12	12 8 $\frac{1}{2}$			84	22.00	6 2	
6	Henry Rich.....	" Marion Westgate..	1 12	38 34			239	28.00	38 2	
		" " "	2 11	43 38				40.50	48 3	
7	Edwin H. Smith..	" Martha J. Bartlett.	1 10	8 7			132	22.00	8 3	
		Mr. George L. Deming..	2 12	15 13				38.00	9 2	
8	Seth R. Cole.....	Miss Hannah T. Deming	1 9	18 16 $\frac{1}{2}$			149	22.00	10 2	
		" " "	2 11	20 17				26.00	2	
9	James Kendrick..	" Mary Fairbanks...	1 2	6					1	
		" Mary A. Baldwin..	2 11 $\frac{1}{6}$	12 10 $\frac{1}{4}$			80	28.00	3 2	
10	C. E. Jackson.....	" S. F. Bryant.....	1 10	14 13			105	26.00	21 2	
		" " "	2 10	20 17				30.00	11 2	
11	Benj. S. Lewis	" Mary A. Baldwin..	1 7	24 21 $\frac{1}{2}$			115	24.00	5 2	
		" " "	2 10	27 21 $\frac{2}{3}$				26.00	2	
12	Jed. Huntington...	" Lizzie V. Clark....	1 10	9 8			25	16.00	13 2	
		" " "	2 7 $\frac{1}{2}$	9 9				16.00	14 2	
13	Lyman Fitch.....	" Nellie L. Jackson..	1 10	21 20			79	18.00	21 2	
		" " "	2 9	20 18				20.00	9 2	
14	No School.						38			
15	John Conlin.....	" Mattie E. Mitchell.	1 6	6 5			18	12.00	6 1	
16	Arnold Allen.. ..	" Jennie L. Jackson.	1 10	17 14 $\frac{1}{2}$			70	18.00	10 2	
		" " "	2 12	19 15				22.00	8 2	

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